on Wheels" is being run in Rajasthan in collaboration with the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) and "Royal Orient Express" in Gujarat in collaboration with M/s Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. (TCGL.) On requests from State Governments, the Railways run luxury tourist trains for promotion of rail tourism in collaboration with State Tourism Departments. MoUs have already been signed for running of such trains in Maharashtra and Karnataka and no time frame has been fixed in this regard.

Restructuring of Railway Boards

1967. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering the working of Railway Recruitment Boards with a view to restructuring the Boards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Training centre for locomotive drivers

† 1968. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the financial assistance for setting up of the training centres for the locomotive drivers will be provided to the M.P. Government;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) by when the training centre is likely to be started in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a)There is no such proposal. Training centres on Railways are meant for training Railway employees and are funded out of the Railway's Budget. No financial assistance is allocated to State Governments.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Casualties owing to Railway interview

1969. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many casualties have occurred owing to railway interview issue very recently;

(b) why the applicants do not find free and fair atmosphere for appearing at the interview;

(c) what steps Government may deem fit to take in order to remove this fear effectively;

(d) whether any arrangement will be made so that the candidates may sit for the interview in their native State in case of All India Services;

(e) if so, from when such arrangement will be made; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No casualties have occurred owing to Railway interview issue.

(b) and (c) As far as recruitment process of Railway Recruitment Boards is concerned, interview have been done away with from the selection process in most of the categories. It is ensured that selections are conducted in a transparent, free and fair manner.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) Candidates from any part of the country are free to apply to the vacancies advertised by any of the Railways Recruitment Boards under the extant provisions laid down in the directives of Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, which in turn are based on Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement for giving wide publicity for filling up Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts.